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Serial No. 10/030,972 : Group Art Unit 1641
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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
DETERMINING MULTIPLE ANALYTES : **Mail Stop: RCE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of December 29, 2005, the period for response having been extended by three months to June 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows: